

Congressman Gonzalez Secures Funding for

After-School Program in San Antonio

San Antonio, TX – Joined by students at the Dan Cook Learning Center, today Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez (TX-20) announced that the San Antonio Youth Centers will receive \$200,000 in federal funding as part of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010](#), which was passed in Congress last December.

“When so many programs are losing funding from various sources, we need to do all we can do support those that are making an enormous contribution to our communities,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “The San Antonio Youth Centers have been helping children and young adults turn their lives around and it’s funding like these that give San Antonio the much needed boost to create jobs, keep our communities safe, and will also provide funding for vital services needed by some of the region’s most vulnerable citizens.”

The San Antonio Youth Centers for school-age children and youth provide diversionary activities during the critical out-of-school time and give children the opportunity to engage in learning year-round. Focused on academic skills improvement, social development, physical activity, culture and arts, and nutrition, the Centers offer positive youth development for extremely impoverished children who lack a safe place, caring adults and constructive activities.

“We are very grateful to Congressman Gonzalez,” said Cynthia Le Monds, CEO SA Youth Centers. “He has always been a strong advocate for youth. His generous support will enhance our programs, allowing San Antonio children to move ever closer to academic excellence and healthy lives.”

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 includes over \$17 millions of dollars in funding for San Antonio. The legislation allocates over of \$1 million for police technology improvements for the City of San Antonio Police Department; \$1.5 million in Labor-HHS-Education funds benefitting organizations like the San Antonio Metro Health, Kelly Clinic and the San Antonio Youth Centers; and over \$9.7 million for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs.

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